

WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus (R-Vestavia Hills) today announced that USDA Rural Development has awarded more than \$230,000 dollars in federal assistance to the Town of Thorsby in Chilton County for the purchase of new fire and police vehicles and other public safety equipment.

"The residents of Thorsby will be safer because of the Rural Development funding, and I congratulate Mayor Tom Bentley and the Thorsby City Council for working so hard to get it," said Congressman Bachus. "This is a great step forward in upgrading the equipment the Fire Department and Police Department use every day."

Thorsby will receive a grant of \$71,250 and a loan for \$165,000. The money will be used for fire equipment and public safety, said Mayor Bentley.

"We plan on buying a new fire truck to replace the one we have now which is thirty years old. We're also

going to buy two new police cars and video cameras for four cars for the public's protection," said Thorsby Mayor Tom Bentley. "We wouldn't have been able to replace the truck without this money. The help from Congressman Bachus is much appreciated."

The congressionally approved funding came from the 2006 Department of Defense Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, which Congressman Bachus voted for in December of 2005. The funding is administered by USDA Rural Development Community Facility Loan and Grant program.

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